



Georgia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday
February 16,
2022

COMMITTEE DAY REPORT

House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 18th Legislative Day on Thursday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m.
- Six bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 18th Legislative Day, Thursday, February 17, and the 19th Legislative Day, Tuesday, February 22, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

HB 1086 Health; influenza vaccinations for discharged patients; lower age to 50

Bill Summary: House Bill 1086 updates the age at which hospitals will offer an inpatient the influenza vaccine prior to discharge by reducing it from 65 to 50 years of age.

Authored By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-08-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1092 Georgia Women's CARE (Child Care Alternatives, Resources, and Education) Act, enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1092 is the 'Georgia Women's Child Care Alternatives, Resources, and Education (CARE) Act.' The bill requires every woman who is not released on bond within 72 hours of an arrest to submit to the pregnancy testing protocols of the facility. Unless denied by a judge due to safety risks or declined by the pregnant woman, the judge will determine the eligibility of a pregnant woman sentenced to a period of confinement in a penal institution to have the sentence deferred until six weeks after delivery.

During the deferred time, the offenders are required to maintain perinatal health care, treatment, and assessments, as well as participate in education and resource programs. If the court finds that the offender is not compliant with perinatal health care requirements, the court may rescind the deferred sentence and order immediate confinement.

Commencing January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the Department of Public Health will report the following: data collected pursuant to subsection (f) of Code Section 42-1-11.3; and the total number of women who are pregnant, incarcerated, or declined deferred sentencing. This report excludes patient-identifying information.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-08-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1146 Motor vehicles; law enforcement vehicles be equipped with primarily blue flashing or revolving lights; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1146 requires that the vehicles driven by officers enforcing traffic be equipped with flashing lights, primarily blue in color, and removes the restriction on the Georgia

State Patrol having more than two vehicles per post without such exterior-mounted roof lights.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Public Safety & Homeland Security | Committee | 02-07-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | | Action: | |

HB 1148 Game and fish; possession of cervid carcasses; remove definitions; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1148 prohibits the transportation of a cervid carcass from outside Georgia into the state if any part of the carcass contains a portion of the nervous system. The bill clarifies exceptions to include antlers, skulls, skull plates, teeth, or jawbones that do have soft tissue attached.

If chronic wasting disease is detected in Georgia or a county adjacent to the state's borders, HB 1148 grants the Department of Natural Resources to further restrict the transportation of cervid carcasses into, or within, the state.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Game, Fish, & Parks | Committee | 02-10-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | | Action: | |

HB 1192 Social services; treatment services under Medicaid to persons with HIV; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1192 allows the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Health Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of providing Medicaid coverage for HIV treatment services. Eligible individuals must have an HIV diagnosis, an income of less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level, and no health insurance.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Health & Human Services | Committee | 02-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |

HB 1195 Local government; audits of funds may be conducted in accordance with statutory accounting principles; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1195 updates the reporting options for interlocal risk management agencies within local government to include statutory accounting principles.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Insurance | Committee | 02-09-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | | Action: | |

SB 369 Board of Education of Gwinnett County; future elections for members of the board of education shall be nonpartisan; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 369 provides that future elections of the Gwinnett Board of Education will be non-partisan.

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| Authored By: | Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Governmental Affairs | Committee | 02-09-2022 Do Pass |
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SB 386 Board of Commissioners of Meriwether County; description of the commissioner districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 386 changes the description of the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners' districts.

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| Authored By: | Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Governmental Affairs | Committee | 02-14-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | | Action: | |

SB 387 Meriwether County Board of Education; description of the education districts; change
Bill Summary: Senate Bill 387 changes the description of the Meriwether County Board of Education's districts.

Authored By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2022 Do Pass
Action:

SB 437 Board of Commissioners of Fulton County; future elections for the office of county commissioner shall be nonpartisan elections; provide
Bill Summary: Senate Bill 437 changes the description of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authored By: Sen. John Albers (56th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

SB 457 Richmond County and the City of Augusta; description of the commission districts; change
Bill Summary: Senate Bill 457 changes the description of the Augusta-Richmond County Commission districts.

Authored By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2022 Do Pass
Action:

SB 458 County of Richmond; description of the school board districts; change
Bill Summary: Senate Bill 458 changes the description of the Richmond County school districts.

Authored By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2022 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee

HB 1040 Social services; community action agencies to submit audit reports and IRS forms before any contracts are made with DHS; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 1040 requires that renewed contracts between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and community action agencies entered into on or after October 1, 2022, are to be executed by the board of directors of the community action agency, or its designee, and shall only be offered by DHS if a community action agency has submitted a current IRS Form 990 and audit reports to the Department of Audits and Accounts.

Authorized By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th)

House Committee: Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

Committee Action:

02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Education Committee

HB 1215 Education; provision that reduced the amount of certain funding to state charter schools that offer virtual instruction; remove

Bill Summary: House Bill 1215 revises O.C.G.A. 20-2-2066 to allow students to withdraw from a local school in the school system in which a student resides and enroll in a charter school with available classroom space without penalty. Each local board of education will adopt a universal, streamlined transfer process. The bill includes a definition of 'charter school,' which clarifies that it operates under a charter school governing board, has a code assigned by the Department of Education, and is the subject of a report card prepared and distributed by the Office of Student Achievement. HB 1215 addresses funding of local charter schools by noting the calculation and allocation of local revenue is adjusted at least semi-annually based on collected local revenues.

Authorized By: Rep. Brad Thomas (21st)

House Committee: Education

Committee Action:

02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1217 Student Technology Protection Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1217, the 'Student Technology Protection Act,' amends the 'Quality Basic Education Act' by revising O.C.G.A. 20-2-324 to provide that schools promote the safe and appropriate use of technology. By October 1, 2022, each local board of education and charter school governing body will adopt an acceptable-use policy with the purposes of preventing and prohibiting any computer or network from accessing obscene materials. Each system shall take necessary steps to implement and enforce the acceptable-use policy. If the State Board of Education finds that a school does not follow their acceptable-use policy, the board can withhold a portion of the state funding allotment for that school.

Authorized By: Rep. Chris Erwin (28th)

House Committee: Education

Committee Action:

02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1295 Quality Basic Education Act; group of performance evaluation ratings; remove needs development rating

Bill Summary: House Bill 1295 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-210 relating to employment under the 'Quality Basic Education Act.' Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the department is authorized to design and implement a pilot program, consisting of no more than 10 local school systems, for a personnel evaluation system as an alternative to the previously provided evaluation system. The new pilot program has the same elements as the prior one, but includes embedded supports, professional

development opportunities, recognition and advancement for highly effective teachers, the creation of a pathway for progression, and differentiation of performance.

By June 30, 2023, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education submits a detailed report on the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot program to the governor, speaker of the House of Representatives, president of the Senate, House Education Committee, and the Senate Committee on Education and Youth. The report includes recommendations regarding whether the alternative evaluation system should be implemented throughout the state.

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| Authored By: | Rep. John Corbett (174th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| House | Education | Action: | |
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HR 650 House Study Committee on Literacy Instruction; create

Bill Summary: House Resolution 650 creates the House Study Committee on Literacy Instruction. The committee consists of five members of the House of Representatives and nine non-legislative members who are tasked with determining the definition of evidence-based instruction, the impact of low literacy on Georgia's economic and workforce competitiveness, and the extent of different programs in Georgia that work in birth through retirement literacy instruction. Additionally, the committee shall examine how programs that utilize evidence-based literacy instruction can adapt as new evidence emerges, examine changes that should be made to educational standards to support evidence-based instruction; and determine how the state can best support local educational ecosystems. The committee is abolished on December 1, 2022.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| House | Education | Action: | Substitute |
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Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

HB 1307 Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 1307 requires an excavator to make an emergency 911 call to alert emergency services if they strike or damage a utility facility that carries gas or a hazardous liquid.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Penny Houston (170th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
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Governmental Affairs Committee

HB 839 Mableton, City of; incorporate

Bill Summary: House Bill 839 authorizes a local referendum for the creation of the city of Mableton. The referendum will be voted on by call of the Cobb County election superintendent in a special election no later than November 2022.

The government for the city is composed of a city council consisting of a mayor and six council members each serving four-year terms. The city council members are elected through a non-partisan municipal general election held biennially in odd years.

The city council is authorized to appoint a city manager to act as the chief executive and administrative officer of the city. The charter creates the Municipal Court of the City of Mableton to be presided over by a chief judge. The charter provides enabling legislation for the creation of one or more community improvement districts within the city.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Erica Thomas (39th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| House | Governmental Affairs | Action: | Substitute |
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Insurance Committee

HB 1059 Insurance; unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements; provide for exclusions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1059 provides exclusions to unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements by allowing insurance companies to provide loss-mitigation safety products to consumers.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| House | Insurance | Action: | |
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HB 1288 State Employees' Assurance Department; assignment of certain group term life insurance benefits; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1288 provides for the assignment of certain group-term life insurance benefits to pay for funeral services of a deceased individual who was a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, Georgia Legislative Retirement System, or Georgia Judicial Retirement System.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| House | Insurance | Action: | Substitute |
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HB 1308 Insurance; allow plan sponsor to consent on behalf of an enrollee to electronic delivery of all communication

Bill Summary: House Bill 1308 allows a sponsor of a health benefit plan to consent on behalf of an enrollee to the electronic delivery of all communications and identification cards related to the plan. Enrollees can opt out of electronic communications.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Noel Williams (148th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| House | Insurance | Action: | Substitute |
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HB 1324 Health and insurance; clarify that the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the diagnoses given

Bill Summary: House Bill 1324 requires insurers to provide coverage for emergency physical or mental health care regardless of the diagnosis given.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Beth Camp (131st) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| House | Insurance | Action: | Substitute |
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Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 1362 Irwin County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1362 changes the description of the Irwin County Board of Education's districts.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Action: | |
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HB 1363 Macon County; Board of Education; revise member districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1363 revises the districts for the election of members of the Macon County Board of Education.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Patty Bentley (139th) | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
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HB 1364 Cobb County; State Court; change compensation of judges

Bill Summary: House Bill 1364 changes the compensation of judges of the Cobb County State Court. The chief judge shall receive an additional compensation of \$10,168.55 per year, and the judges of Division 1 shall be paid \$194,905.60 per year.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

HB 1365 Coffee County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1365 changes the description of the Coffee County Board of Education's districts.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) | | |
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HB 1366 Macon County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1366 revises the districts for the election of members of the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Patty Bentley (139th) | | |
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SB 446 Board of Education of Warren County; description of the education districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 446 changes the description of the Warren County Board of Education's districts.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. Max Burns (23rd) | | |
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SB 463 Board of Education of Henry County; description of the districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 463 changes the description of the districts from which members of the Henry County Board of Education are elected.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

SB 464 Board of Commissioners of Henry County; description of the commissioner districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 464 changes the description of the Henry County Board of Commissioners' districts.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 |
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SB 473 Sumter County Board of Education and School Superintendent; description of the education districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 473 changes the description of the Sumter County Board of Education's districts.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. Freddie Sims (12th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

SB 475 Board of Commissioners of Wilkinson County; description of the commissioner districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 475 changes the description of the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners' districts.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. David Lucas (26th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

SB 476 Board of Education of Wilkinson County; description of the districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 476 changes the description of the Wilkinson County Board of Education's districts.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. David Lucas (26th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

SB 488 Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County; description of the commissioner districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 488 changes the description of the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners' districts.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. David Lucas (26th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

SB 489 Board of Education of Twiggs County; description of the education districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 489 changes the description of the Twiggs County Board of Education's districts.

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| Authorized By: | Sen. David Lucas (26th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

Judiciary Committee

HB 974 Property; deeds; require electronic filing

Bill Summary: House Bill 974 requires recorded instruments, such as deeds, mortgages, liens, maps/plats, and state tax executions, to be filed electronically or delivered in person to the clerk of the superior court. The clerk shall make available a public computer terminal for electronic filing access. In addition, when filing, an incorrect or missing tax parcel identification number on a recorded instrument shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the instrument. Finally, a deed to secure debt must include the following items on the first page: date, names of signatories, mailing address, map/parcel identification information, original loan amount/outstanding principal amount, initial debt maturity date, and amount of intangible recording tax or citation for a tax exemption.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th) | | |
| House | Judiciary | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |

HB 1346 Courts; clerks of superior courts; provide for construction

Bill Summary: House Bill 1346 permits clerks of superior courts, who would otherwise be prohibited from practicing law in his/her name, to be allowed to serve as a judge advocate or any other role in an active duty or reserve component of the armed forces.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) | | |
| House | Judiciary | Committee | 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |

Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 1183 Criminal procedure; increase time allotted to try a criminal case in judicial emergencies; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1183 revises the timeline for remission of bonds in criminal cases from payment of judgment to entry of judgment and may consider whether any delay by the surety prevented the prosecution of the accused.

Authored By: Rep. Stan Gunter (8th)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Committee Action: 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1188 Criminal procedure; each act of child molestation charged as a separate offense; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1188 revises the crimes of "child molestation" and "sexual exploitation of children" to specify that each individual violation of the crimes can be charged as its own count in a charging document.

Authored By: Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Committee Action: 02-16-2022 Do Pass

State Properties Committee

SB 326 State Flag, Seal, Symbols; placement of a monument in honor of the Honorable Clarence Thomas within the capitol building or grounds; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 326 provides for placement of a monument in honor of Clarence Thomas within the Georgia State Capitol building or grounds to be constructed using private funds. The Capitol Arts Standards Commission will design, procure, and place the monument as soon as practicable. The design is subject to final approval of a monument committee consisting of: two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House; two members of the Senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and one member from the House of Representatives and one member from the Senate appointed by the governor.

Authored By: Sen. Jason Anavartarte (31st)
House Committee: State Properties

Committee Action: 02-16-2022 Do Pass

Committee Meeting Schedule

This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

Thursday - February 17, 2022

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| 8:00 AM | Appropriations General Government Subcommittee (House) | 606 CLOB HYBRID | VIDEO Agenda |
| 8:30 AM | WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (House) | 406 CLOB HYBRID | VIDEO Agenda |
| 9:00 AM | CANCELED RULES COMMITTEE (House) | 341 CAP | VIDEO Agenda |
| 10:00 AM | FLOOR SESSION (LD 18) (House) | House Chamber | VIDEO |
| 1:30 PM | Judiciary Gunter Subcommittee (House) | 132 CAP HYBRID | VIDEO Agenda |
| 2:00 PM | AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House) | 406 CLOB HYBRID | VIDEO Agenda |